

the State of Iowa, That an act entitled "an act to amend the law in relation to Divorce and Alimony," approved January 24th, 1855, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That so much of Chapter eighty-six of the Code of Iowa, as was by said act repealed, be and the same is hereby revived, saving and excepting the eighth paragraph of Section 1482 of said Code, in said Chapter eighty-six, which is not hereby revived.

SEC. 3. That the fourth paragraph of said Section 1482 be amended so as to read as follows, to wit:—
 "When he wilfully deserts his wife and absents himself without a reasonable cause for the space of two years."
 Approved March 15th, 1858.

CHAPTER 65.

ALIENS AND THEIR REAL ESTATE.

AN ACT respecting Aliens.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That all Aliens residing in the United States who shall have made a declaration of their intentions to become citizens of the United States, by taking the oath required by law, and all Aliens residents of this State shall be capable of acquiring real estate in this State by descent or purchase, and of holding and alienating the same, and shall incur the like duties and liabilities in relation thereto as if they were citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. It shall be lawful for every Alien who except for his alienage would be capable of acquiring real estate by devise descent from any person hereafter dying, capable at the time of the death, of holding real estate in this State, to acquire real estate in this State by devise or descent, from any person as aforesaid, hereafter dying, and of holding and alienating the same, and shall incur the like duties and liabilities in relation thereto, as if they were citizens of the United States.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for every Alien who were it not for his alienage would be capable of acquiring real estate by purchase in this State, to purchase real estate in this State from any person capable at the time of holding an absolute title to real estate in this State, *Provided*, that such alien shall in good faith, sell and convey the same within ten years from the date of his said purchase, or taking effect of this act, to some person capable at the time of acquiring and holding an absolute title to real estate under the laws of this State, other than by virtue of this section. *Provided*, further that all such aliens who may have previous to the taking effect of this act, acquired any real estate by gift, devise, descent or purchase may hold the same according to the provisions of this act.

Aliens may acquire real estate by purchase.

Must sell it within ten years.

Previous purchases affected.

SEC. 4. Every married woman whose husband hereafter dies, capable at the time of the death of acquiring and holding an absolute title, to real estate in this State, though she be an alien shall be entitled to the same rights of dower in her husband's lands as if she were a resident of this State.

An alien wife entitled to divorce

SEC. 5. All Aliens who, except for their alienage, would be capable of acquiring personal property as a distributive share of an intestate estate in this State shall be capable of taking the same, and incur the like duties and liabilities in relation thereto as if they were citizens of the United States.

Aliens may acquire personal property as citizens.

SEC. 6. If any person being a citizen of this State at the time of his decease shall have made a will bequeathing his property to a person who at the time of making such bequeath was an alien non-resident, but who subsequently to the making of such bequest, became a resident, such Alien shall be capable in law of becoming a devisee of such property, as well as if he was a resident of this State at the time of making such devise.

An alien non-resident may acquire property by devise by becoming a citizen

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Citizen and Iowa State Journal, Staats Zeitung and National Demokrat printed at Dubuque Iowa, Der Demokrat at Davenport, Free Press and National Adler Eagle, at Bur-

Take effect.

lingtion, and the German paper printed at Keokuk Iowa.

Approved March 15th, 1858.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa Citizen on the 24th day of March, 1858, and in the Iowa State Journal on the 20th day of March, 1858.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State-

CHAPTER 66.

LOANS TO A RAILROAD.

AN ACT to confirm the division of the rights and liabilities of the County of Webster since its division.

SECTION 1. *Whereas*, The county of Webster did before the late division of said county, vote to subscribe for \$200,000 of the capital stock of the Dubuque and Pacific Railroad Company, and issue bonds of said county in payment therefor, and *Whereas*, the Commissioners appointed by law to divide the property and liabilities of the counties formed out of said Webster county in its division have apportioned the amount of said stock and the liability to be incurred therefor, so that Webster county shall be entitled to receive \$90,000 of said stock, Hamilton county \$90,000 of said stock, and Humboldt county \$20,000 of said stock, and each of said counties to be liable to pay for said stock in proportion to the amount of the same taken by each of said counties.— Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the qualified electors of each of said counties, shall at the ensuing April election, to be held on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1858, have the right to vote at the several places of holding elections in each of said counties upon the question of rescinding the vote taken by Webster county before its division, to subscribe for \$200,000 of said stock.

SEC. 2. The form of the vote shall be "for rescinding" and "against rescinding," and the vote shall be

Old county voted \$200,000.

Com'rs apportion'd loan after division.

The division submitted to the people.